

## OFFICIAL TITLE AND SUMMARY ★ ★ ★

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**HIGHWAY SAFETY, TRAFFIC REDUCTION,  
AIR QUALITY, AND PORT SECURITY BOND ACT OF 2006.**

- Makes safety improvements and repairs to state highways; upgrades freeways to reduce congestion; repairs local streets and roads; upgrades highways along major transportation corridors.
- Improves seismic safety of local bridges.
- Expands public transit.
- Helps complete the state's network of car pool lanes.
- Reduces air pollution.
- Improves anti-terrorism security at shipping ports.
- Provides for a bond issue not to exceed nineteen billion nine hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$19,925,000,000).
- Appropriates money from the General Fund to pay off bonds.

**Summary of Legislative Analyst's Estimate of Net State and Local Government Fiscal Impact:**

- State costs of about \$38.9 billion over 30 years to pay off both the principal (\$19.9 billion) and interest (\$19.0 billion) costs of the bonds. Payments of about \$1.3 billion per year.
- Additional unknown state and local government costs to operate and maintain transportation infrastructure (such as roads, bridges, and buses and railcars) funded with bonds. A portion of these costs would be offset by revenues generated by the improvements, such as fares and tolls.

**FINAL VOTES CAST BY THE LEGISLATURE ON SB 1266 (PROPOSITION 1B)**

Senate:	Ayes 37	Noes 1
Assembly:	Ayes 61	Noes 10

**ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST****BACKGROUND**

California spends about \$20 billion a year from a combination of state, federal, and local funds to maintain, operate, and improve its highways, streets and roads, passenger rail, and transit systems. These expenditures are primarily funded on a pay-as-you-go basis from taxes and user fees.

There are two primary state tax sources that fund state transportation programs. First, the state's 18 cent per gallon excise tax on gasoline and diesel fuel (generally referred to as the gas tax) generates about \$3.4 billion annually. Second, revenues from the state sales tax on gasoline and diesel fuel currently provide about \$2 billion a year. Additionally, the state imposes weight fees on commercial vehicles